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<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b>  (for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application #	09/700,185
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FEES CALCULATION: For claims if required and/or other fees as shown below:				
	NOW	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate
..... TOTAL CLAIMS				X \$ 18 =
..... INDEP. CLAIMS				X \$ 88 =
TOTAL OF ABOVE CLAIMS FEES =				
..... Reduction by 1/2 for <b>small entity status</b> of applicant				
SUBTOTAL =				
..... Fee for extension of time (per attached Petition)				
..... Other fee for				
TOTAL OF ALL FEES =				<b>-0-</b>

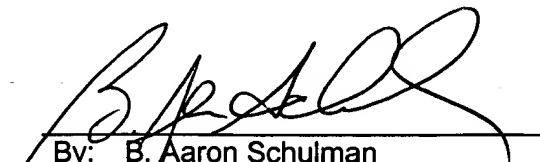
..... A CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$ \* is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee, additional fee or extension fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555:

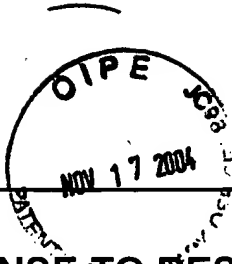
(1) if no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith; or

(2) if no petition for extension of time is enclosed but an EOT is required - and in this event, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT**

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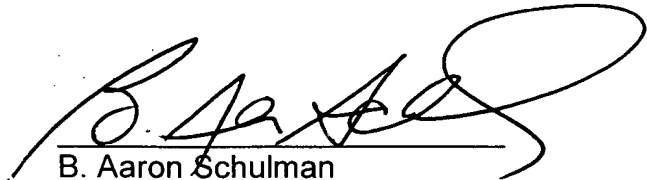
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 19, 2004, and without addressing the arguments made therein, Applicants elect only for purposes of examination Group IV, claims 30-36 and 38-40 drawn to a material for a solid polyelectrolyte and a solid polyelectrolyte membrane.

Examination and allowance of the elected claims is thus respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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